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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
ABIDJAN BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--December 1986

I. GENERAL

State Department has approved a new wage scale for Embassy FBN's which grants a 10 percent salary increase. The new salaries are retroactively effective on 12 October 1986. A copy of the new scale has been pouched to headquarters. A new leave plan based on Ivorian law and local custom which would significantly increase FSN leave benefits remains under study by State Department's foreign national personnel component in Washington.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In an otherwise slow month for the bureau, fighting in northern Chad continued to intensify, with Ndjamenia accusing Libya of using napalm and toxic gas in a December 11 attack on Bardai. There were also reports of fighting in Zouar, Fada and the mountainous Tibesti area in general. Amidst conflicting reports of who controls what, Ndjamenia now has confirmed that Chadian National Armed Forces (FANT) troops are in the north fighting alongside troops loyal to former rebel leader Goukouni Oueddi. The French are known to have dropped supplies to the anti-Libyan forces at least once, on the 17th, and while Libya continues to deny they even have troops in Chad, Ndjamenia is claiming the Libyans are suffering heavy casualties and that some Soviet experts have now joined them. As of 23 December, foreign journalists have been required to submit their reports to the Chad Information Ministry for approval. The Bureau's reception of Ndjamenia remains erratic while the clandestine Bardai Chadian National Radio is now only rarely monitorable.

2. The bureau's coverage of AFP English and AFP French (both high frequency and landline) was interrupted from 11-18 December due to work stoppages by AFP personnel. On several evenings both before and after the strike action the AFP landline carried virtually nothing from the time the bureau closed at 2230 gmt until we reopened at 0600 gmt.

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B. Communications

Embassy TCU reported that on 4 December the bureau's communications circuit was switched to a CPU 9.6 lease line operation. This lease is being used as a fallback method of communications when the primary carrier system fails. In TCU's estimation, we should not have the prolonged outages we experienced during the summer due to satellite tracking problems.

C. Technical

1. The bureau engineer and technician began installation of security alarm systems in the five staff residences. The alarm systems were received from headquarters on 2 December.

2. IBM XT peripherals were shipped to headquarters on 11 December. A damaged XT computer and hard disk were shipped last August. ADD has ordered replacement equipment for priority delivery to the bureau.

III. ADMINISTRATIONA. Personnel

1. Chief monitor [ ] retired on 19 December with over 22 years of dedicated service to FBIS, first at Kaduna Bureau and later here at Abidjan. He was presented the FBIS Career Medal and a letter from the Director in recognition of his outstanding service. [ ] returned to his home in Lome, Togo on 21 December.

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2. Part-time monitor/translator [ ] EOD'd on 21 December.

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3. Senior monitor [ ] received a PSI during the month.

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4. [ ] wife of Deputy Chief [ ] returned to post on 13 December after giving birth to [ ] on 1 November in Graz, Austria.

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STATIV. VISITS

Dr. Ferguson Reid, the Regional Medical Officer recently assigned to post, visited the bureau on the 17th.

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Bureau local and American staff and their families celebrated the holiday season at a Christmas party held at the bureau chief's house on 13

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December. A feast of exotic African and delicious American dishes was prepared by the bureau personnel who ate, drank and danced until the wee hours. The retirement of Chief Monitor [redacted] was also acknowledged on this occasion with gifts and well-wishes from those assembled.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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**Attachment:**

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau  
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

## Abidjan Bureau Production Report for DECEMBER 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	109440
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	10310
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	307

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8037.00 min.	23700.00 min.	113.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	690		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

## BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	4620		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

## CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1220		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	1110		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

## CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			0
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## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	1540		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	9270		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	1930		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	250		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			200
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	420		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		4760	
Paris AFP in French		9710	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			7140
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	1310		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra Domestic Service in English	8490		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English	0		0
London WEST AFRICA in English			3170
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	1600		0
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			120
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	2090		0
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		0
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			350
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan L'INDRE DIMANCHE in French			0
LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	700		0
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	4340		0
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	13260		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	760		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	5020		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			150
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	320		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	7930		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	1170		
Lagos NAN in English		740	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
RWANDA			
Kigali Domestic Service in French	410		
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	1420		
DAKAR PANA in English		2140	

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 CASTS AGENCIES CATIONS

Dakar PANA in

French

6100

Dakar LE SOLEIL in

French

0

SIERRA LEONE

Freetown Domestic Service in

English

270

Freetown DAILY MAIL in

English

0

THE GAMBIA

Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in

English

0

TOGO

Lome International Service in

French

0

Lome Domestic Service in

French

3080

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in

French

0

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in

French

390

Kinshasa AZAP in

French

980

Kinshasa ELIMA in

French

270